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Idea behind the tree committee is to minimise number of trees cut down for infra. If majority of trees are axed or translocated, the approach is unscientific, experts say

TREE BAGS FULL SIR!

'Of 1,507 trees, 1,334 to be cut, just 25 retained' in BMRCL proposal

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Skim through the Office Memorandums (OMs) of permissions for the removal of trees to make way for urban infrastructure projects and you will see how the city is axing trees mercilessly.

Whether for alignment of metro projects or widening of roads and now for white-topping, green cover is gradually being depleted as we speak.

According to some of the OMs dated between February 2021 and March 2022 maintained by the BBMP, as many as 4,423 trees were proposed to be removed to make way for various development projects. Out of these, only 243 trees were recommended to be retained in their respective locations. The rest of the 4,180 trees were either to be felled or translocated.

All the proposals were filed either by the BBMP or Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL).

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SURVEY SHOCKER
IS THE AXEMAN RUNNING AMOK?

"We could have saved up to 40% of trees through canopy manipulation. However, these options are not being considered..." — Dr AN Yellappa Reddy, environmentalist

What's the smart buzz in E-City?

Bus stops with wifi, charging ports, sanitary pad vending machines and a panic button

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Electronics City Industrial Township Authority (ELCITA) has come up with a project to construct smart bus stops in the area to enhance the experience of commuters.

As a part of the initiative, ELCITA plans to construct 15 smart bus stops in various parts of Electronics City. These bus stops would have many features — drinking water, USB charging ports, vending machines to name a few smart facilities that would help commuters waiting for, and alighting from buses, at these locations.

Recently, the Bangalore Management Association (BMA) had organised the 65th Anniversary Awards 2022, in which ELCITA was nominated for Best City Planner of the year award, for its contribution to efficient city planning and sustainable development.

"The smart bus stops will have wifi connectivity and sensor-based dust bins attached to the bus stops. Once the bins are full, sensors will alert the back-end team which would arrive at the spot and clean the bins from time to time. We will also include a panic button, for times of emergency and safety purposes; one can press the panic button and the team will be alerted to rush to the location for instant help," Brunda, sustainability engineer at ELCITA, said.

The team has already designed the bus

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Smorgasbord of art

Pehel, a festival of theatre and beyond, is hosting a collection of plays from some of the stalwarts in dramatic arts in India. Several formats of theatre are on display to demonstrate the versatility and reach of the arts including recitals, readings, and discussions galore. From Vinay Pathak to Rajat Kapoor, this festival is a treat for the mind and soul, and a must-visit for art and theatre lovers.

Where: Prabhath KalaDwaraka, Koramangala Club
When: April 9 and 10
Tickets: 7411040441/ kahevidushak@gmail.com

02 The mentalist

Do you believe in mind reading? Are you intrigued by psychic phenomena? If yes, there is a fantastic show lined up for you, that you just cannot afford to miss. Illusionist and mentalist Allan Louie will be performing his mind-bending show 'Strange Perceptions', a highly interactive show, with elements of psychological games, mind reading, bizarre stunts, and theatrics. While this is a family show, there are elements in the show which are not suitable for audiences under 15 years of age.

Where: Bangalore Creative Circus
When: April 10, 6.30pm
Tickets: https://linktr.ee/blrcreativecircus

03 Dance and beyond

Watch Odissi dancer, Madhulita Mohapatra & her troupe, Nrityantar Dance Ensemble perform and enchant you with her graceful movements. The event promises to be a delightful evening of enchanting Odissi dance. Where Madhulita Mohapatra will enthral viewers with clarity & precision of her dance and her deeply moving abhinaya, her Nrityantar Dance Ensemble is set to mesmerise audiences with their captivating moves, powerful imagery and seamless synchronicity.

Where: National Gallery of Modern Art, Palace Road
When: April 9, 5:30pm

Nature calling: Kids, know more about common birds

From Indian parrots to ostriches, this exhibition has bird replicas in huge bot forms

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Thanks to an increased dependency on gadgets and less time spent outdoors, more and more children today are unaware of nature and its many facets. When it comes to birds, many kids cannot identify slightly uncommon ones, or distinguish them from their calls. To help children familiarise themselves with birds and animals, an exhibition at the National Consumer Fair is now allowing them to see them in an animatronic puppet form.

When you walk into the Robotics Birds Kingdom on Binny Mills ground, you will be greeted with the cacophony of a multitude of birds quite unheard of in today's urbanised Bengaluru. The exhibition features birds found both nationally and internationally and has around 40 types of birds and animals and the sounds associated with the bird. The combination can be a very educative experience for small children who can't afford to go to the spots physically.

Human-size replicas of penguins from the southern hemisphere, ostriches and elephant birds, 12-feet-tall peacocks, Northern Cassowary birds (5.5ft height x 6ft width), woodpeckers, Indian green parrots, owls (12 ft height), Australian birds in the backyard, Garuda (20 ft height X 40 ft width), and five-colour parrots are some of the species at the exhibition.

The birds and animals can be seen making their characteristic movements and sounds. In addition to birds and animals, there is also a section depicting the tribal communities and another section on Kerala's famous elephant procession.

Explaining the inspiration behind the exhibition, Manager Rudresh told BM, "These days, it has become difficult to spot birds. We have added their movements along with the voices of the birds. Previously, we had done something similar for animals and now, we are experimenting with birds."

The exhibition is a visual and audial treat for kids who miss out on real-life sightings

> **There is a small motor inside the statues and movement is guided based on that**
> –Rudresh, manager

Despite the seemingly outwardly sophistication, the devices are very simple. "There is a small motor inside the statues and movement is guided based on that. The individual sounds were recorded and played through the speakers. We manufacture the robotics in house using our artists from Tamil Nadu who hand-make these," he added.

Each piece costs around Rs 40,000 to manufacture.

The robotics exhibition was started roughly a year ago and they constantly tour various parts of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. "Currently, it's not feasible for us to run operations nationwide due to the high tariff on lorries. The price of diesel has also shot up. It used to be around Rs 50 per litre two three years back."

After Bengaluru, the exhibition is scheduled to go to Ballari.

Exhibition organisers also complain of low footfalls due to examination season. "Less number of people are coming right now as most children are sitting for examinations during this period," added Rudresh.

This is not the first robotics exhibition in Bengaluru. Last year a similar exhibition was held in Nagarbhavi as well.

Brace yourself, it's going to get hotter

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Bengalureans, amp up on plenty of fluids, and keep the power backup on hand, for it's going to get hotter, very soon.

The Meteorological Department has predicted that for the next few days, the city's temperature will hover around 35 degree Celsius. Though the sky may be occasionally cloudy, the temperature may still be higher. Mist is likely during early morning hours in some areas. Even the nights will be warmer as the minimum temperature is expected to be in the range of 22 degree Celsius.

Not just Bengaluru, many cities in northern Karnataka are reporting high temperatures. For example, Kalaburagi recorded the highest maximum temperature of 39.7 degree Celsius in the state.

Make sure to keep your furry friends cool by taking them for a swim

Meanwhile, rainfall occurred at a few places in north interior Karnataka and at isolated places in coastal Karnataka and south interior Karnataka. Castle Rock (Uttara Kannada district), Chikkodi (Belagavi district), Guttal (Haveri district) received three centimetre each; Nippani (Belagavi district), Haveri APMC, Rabkavi (Bagalkot district), Nimberga Tanda (Kalaburagi district), Sringeri, Jayapura (both Chikkamagaluru districts) received two centimetre each; Londa, Gokak, Bidi (all Belagavi districts), Udupi, Haveri, Devihosur AGRO (Haveri district) and Tygarthi (Shivamogga district) received one centimetre each.

Meanwhile, meteorologists said that a trough from west Vidarbha to north interior Tamil Nadu is running over southeast Madhya Pradesh and its surrounding areas across west Vidarbha, Marathwada and interior of Karnataka at 0.9 km above mean sea level.

A cyclonic circulation lies over the Gulf of Mannar and neighbourhood and extends up to 0.9 km above mean sea level. Another cyclonic circulation is passing over South Andaman Sea and neighbourhood and extends up to mid-troposphere level. Under its influence, a low-pressure area is likely to form over southeast Bay of Bengal during next 48 hours.

Cab rides too hot to handle

Cabbies switch of ACs as it gets difficult to manage expenses with rising fuel prices

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With the increasing heat in Bengaluru, many cab aggregators have stopped using the air conditioner in their vehicles; the reason cited is the increase in fuel prices.

In the past 13 days, the fuel prices – both petrol and diesel – have gone up in many States. In Karnataka, the petrol price reported on March 28 was 100.14 per litre, while by March 31, it rose to Rs 106.87. On April 3, a further jump was seen with petrol prices rising to Rs 108.56 per litre. This later increased to Rs 109.82 by April 5. Similarly, even the diesel prices in the State have gone up. On March 28, the price of one litre diesel was Rs 84.60 , however it increased to Rs 90.87 per litre on March 31. Meanwhile, April 3 saw a further surge of Rs 92.43 per litre, which later increased to Rs 93.61 per litre on April 5.

There have been cases reported from other cities where cab drivers are demanding extra fare from the passenger for switching on the AC. In Bengaluru, many passengers shared their experiences where the cab drivers have refused switching on the AC.

Nishreen A, resident of Benson Town, had recently booked a Benson town to Residency road, "The summer heat is really bad in the city. Once I got into the cab, the windows were down and it was getting hotter. I asked the driver to switch on the AC, but he refused to do so, citing that there was an increase in fuel prices. I then asked to put it on for about five minutes, yet the driver refused."

The increasing fuel prices are affecting so many sectors, even the normal man's life where they now are thinking twice before stepping out of their houses, he said, adding that the cab drivers are also unable to afford the cost.

A resident of Frazer Town, sharing a similar experience, said: "Earlier, the cab drivers won't switch on the AC to follow covid protocols. Now, even with the unbearable heat, the refusal continues."

An Uber spokesperson told Bangalore Mirror, "The company expects its drivers to keep the car AC switched on during a ride. In case of the driver's refusal, riders can reach out to the customer support team. Continued non-compliance by drivers is taken seriously and may lead to actions against them including possible loss of access to the Uber app."

Cab drivers in other States are reportedly charging extra for running AC

Tanveer Pasha, President of Ola Uber Drivers and Owners Association said, "Continuously hiking petrol and diesel has taken a toll on us. The cab drivers already suffered losses during the pandemic as the business went down. Now with the hike, many drivers will not be able to save money as they have to spend a large amount on petrol or diesel. Every day, the prices are skyrocketing and it's just getting worse. By switching on the AC during the rides, it will be a loss of 4-5 km per litre for the driver, hence they are keeping the air conditioner off."

"The cab drivers already suffered losses during the pandemic as the business went down
– Tanveer Pasha, cab aggregators' union

He stated that during the state budget, the union members had requested the government to provide subsidies to the drivers, but that wasn't considered. "The government is not doing anything beneficial for the common man. Shortly we will be organising a protest in this connection," Pasha added.

Meanwhile, BM was unable to contact OLA for a comment on the matter.

As they rise

Petrol	Diesel
Apr 5: Rs 109.82	Apr 5 : Rs 93.61
Apr 4: Rs 108.98	Apr 4: Rs 92.83
Apr 3: Rs 108.56	Apr 3 : Rs 92.43
Apr 2 : Rs 107.71	Apr 2 : Rs 91.65
Apr 1 : Rs 106.87	Apr 1: Rs 90.87

* The rates denote per-litre increase in fuel prices across Karnataka

Man booked for abusing pet dog

Neighbour records video of accused hitting dog, shares it on social media

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A 34-year-old man has been accused of pet abuse after a video of him beating his pet dog, Lucky, a black Labrador, went viral on social media.

Based on a complaint from an animal activist, Thejeshwar B, from CUPA, the Chandra Layout police have taken up a case and booked the accused under IPC section 429 and under appropriate sections of the Prevention of Cruelty of Animals (PCA) Act. "We have taken up a case against one Subramanya and he will be charge-sheeted based on the video footage evidence. The accused has to pay a fine and/or undergo the punishment ruled by courts," a senior police officer said.

An animal lover at an apartment complex in Chandra Layout recorded Subramanya often harming his pet. The neighbours observed that he kept the dog on a leash and caned it often without any specific reason. When the neighbours confronted him, he would tell them that it's his pet and would ask the others to stay away from the matter. In the first week of April, a resident from the top-floor of the apartment managed to get a clear video of Subramanya hitting Lucky. The resident forwarded the video to an animal lovers' group on social media, where many animal activists were also members.

Subramanya said he used to hit Lucky so that it stopped reacting or barking when medicine was being applied for its tail infection

Thejeshwar called up the informer and asked for the location and visited the spot. When he questioned Subramanya about his act, he told him that Lucky had skin infection near its tail and that he would react or bark when medicine was being applied. That was the reason he was beating the dog to "make it understand" that the medicine was important, he told them.

Thejeshwar then approached the Chandra Layout police station and filed a complaint against Subramanya.

Your 2nd PU doubts cleared

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We shall carry the questions and answers shortly.

Stop the hate: Cops to probe tirade against fruit vendors

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The Sanjay Nagar police on Wednesday stated that they have received a complaint against a coordinator of a right wing outfit, Hindu Janajagruti Samiti, for allegedly targeting fruit sellers from the minority community and spreading communal hate by appealing to Hindus that they buy fruits from Hindu vendors only.

Chandru Moger, coordinator of Hindu Janajagruti Samiti in Karnataka, took to Twitter stating: "There is a monopoly on the fruit business by Muslims. We are also seeing that they are spitting on fruits and bread before selling it." He termed "these Muslim businesses" as 'spitting Jihad'. "I am requesting all Hindus to help end the monopoly of Muslims in the fruit business," the complainant quoted Moger.

The complaint has been filed by Zia Nomani, president of Bandhua Mukti Morcha, Karnataka, who submitted that communalism is a threat to national integrity. "Comments like these promote religious fundamentalism and fanaticism and are against the unity and integrity of our country. This goes against the social fabric of our nation and threatens secularism."

According to Nomani, these comments were made with a deliberate malicious intention to harm, damage and undermine one particular community and invoking communal hate and violence. "The other part is falsely accusing the Muslim community with the sole intention to destroy the communal harmony of the State and the nation at whole."

Nomani also reiterated that Moger had committed offences under IPC sections. "The offences are not limited to 153-A - Promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language, but also can be charged under Sections 504 - intentional insult, 506 - criminal intimidation, 499, 500 and 502(2) - defamation. The video of the commission of offence has also been submitted to the police.

The accused, in his Twitter post, mentioned the businesses as 'spitting Jihad'

However, a senior police officer from Sanjay Nagar police station said that they are consulting their superiors for a legal opinion.

SWR projects are doubling speed

Electrification, doubling projects, promise time-saving, environment-friendly commute

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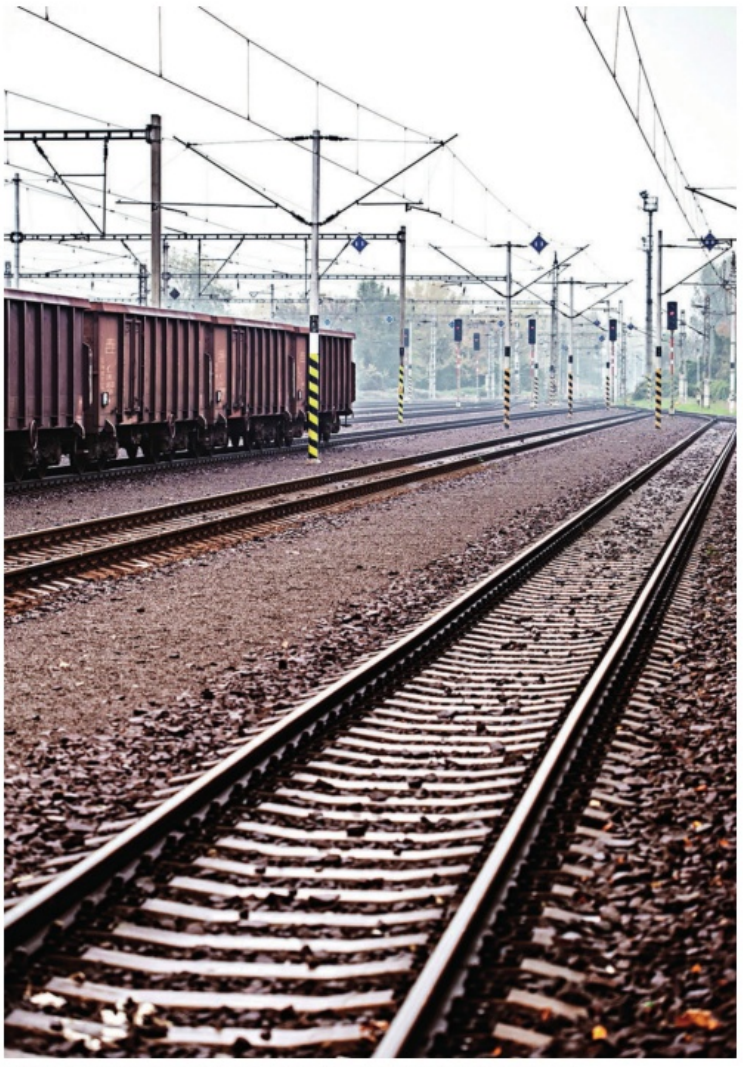
Bengalureans can soon expect to board an electric train to travel to the airport as the South Western Railway (SWR) has completed the electrification of Yelahanka-Chikkaballapur section (45 km).

The SWR chief public relations officer (CPRO) said, "We have completed and commissioned work on 511.7 kms of electrified lines this time. This is the highest since 2003. Among major routes, the electrification has been done on Tumakuru-Nittur (Bengaluru-Hubballi line), Hindupur-Penukonda (Bengaluru-Guntakal line), Hosadurga-Chikkajajur, Alnavar-Ambewadi, Yalvigi-Savanur-Haveri, Gadag-Hole Alur, Saunshi-Yalvigi, Kudachi-Ghataprabha and Londa Tinaighat sections."

Shiva Kumar, a regular commuter said, "Electric trains are the need of the hour. They can save us from pollution and increases speed considerably. While many other states have electric trains, Karnataka has been lagging behind. If we look at the current scenario, for many years, we had electric trains only on the Bengaluru-Jolarpettai section while the rest were served by diesel locomotives. Recently, we had the Mysuru section electrified while other sections... With absence of electrification at certain stretches, train engines had to be changed as they were delaying the train journey. We expect the electrification for all the tracks in Karnataka to be completed at the earliest."

Sources said, an electric DEMU will be introduced between Bengaluru and Tumakuru soon.



Citizens may soon travel to airport using electric train

South Western Railway has completed the electrification project for the 45-km-long Yelahanka-Chikkaballapur section, which can help citizens travel to the airport

Track doubling

Tumakuru railway line is one of the most important junctions as it connects Bengaluru to Mumbai via Miraj. Nittur-Banasandra (22 km), part of the of Arsikere-Tumakuru doubling project sanctioned in 2015-16, has been doubled. With the commissioning of this section the entire Arsikere-Tumakuru (96 km) doubling project stands completed. This will help travellers avoid the railway crossing and save time. In the Hubballi-Chikjajur doubling project, work on 145 out of 190 km stands completed. This section links Hubballi to Bengaluru and holds the potential to reduce travel time in the future between the two cities.

Currently, the single track has reached the saturation point. Another important railway connectivity from Bengaluru is the City-Guntakal section which connects Bengaluru to Secunderabad, Delhi and beyond. In this section, Devarapalli-Penukonda (48 km) had double tracks. This enhanced the capacity in the route linking Bengaluru and Secunderabad.

Railway officials said the doubling of major routes of SWR will contribute directly to enhancement of line capacity as well as safety. This will enable Railway to provide more freight and passenger train services in the future. Doubling will eliminate the detentions faced by trains in single lines either for crossings or due to limited section capacity.

BMTC tech partner joins forces with Rapido

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BMTC launched the new and essential digital ticket/pass booking feature on Wednesday with Tummoc. Passengers can opt to pre-book tickets and passes. For daily tickets or passes, one must book them on the day of the commute, while weekly passes can be booked in advance. There are strict provisions for monthly pass bookings.

Passengers can activate the tickets and pass on the bus or before boarding. It must be validated within 30 minutes of activation, an official said. One can validate it by tapping on the Scan QR Code option on the app and scanning the conductor's code. Customers can also allow the conductor to scan the customer code on the ETM device or mobile application.

If the internet stops functioning, the bus conductor could feed the ticket number or registered number on his App/ETM device for verification. The customers get notified a day in advance for the renewal of their monthly pass.

"Considering how huge Bengaluru is and its high public transport dependency, it is time to seek digital solutions to address travel issues," said Hiranmay Mallick, CEO and co-founder of Tummoc.

According to BMTC, Tummoc is working on ticket/pass booking, synchronising public transport information, developing real-time tracking of public transport modes, developing last-mile connectivity and the soon-to-be-launched Single Journey Ticketing feature, for which the firm has partnered with Rapido.

They also have a patent for system and method for multi-modal trip planning with first and last mile connectivity.

Tummoc partnered with Rapido to work on Single Journey Ticketing

Passengers must activate tickets and passes within 30 minutes after activation using Tummoc's application

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Clean this

KH Road

The lift of the walkway bridge on this road must be cleaned and the lift must maintained with regular checks to ensure safety and hygiene during covid times.

Littered

Journalist Colony

Folks have been dunping waste on 1st Cross Road. BBMP must clear the garbage from here.

Hole picture

MEI Layout

The 7th A Cross, in 11th Main, must be repaired at the earliest to prevent accidents.

SCHOOLS GO ALL OUT TO GET KIDS JABBED

Voice notes, text messages and cold calls – schools are trying everything to get kids vaxxed at short notice and during vacay time

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The covid-19 vaccination drive for 12 to 14-year-olds started on school campuses on April 1. While BBMP is reaching out to city schools to organise the camps as early as possible, it is turning out to be a messy task for the school administrations.

From voice notes to text messages and cold calls, while the city schools are not leaving any stone unturned in reaching out to the parents of eligible students, they say a short notice of one day is not adequate to intimate the parents.

"BBMP reached out to us on April 4 and the drive is scheduled on April 7. We have more than 200 students in the eligible age group and one day to call all the students and inform the parents is turning out to be a herculean task. The SSLC examinations are on and the majority of our staff are busy," said the principal of a city-based school.

Despite all the efforts, schools are unable to get full attendance for the on-campus vaccination drives.

"We are unable to get through to many parents within a day as our calls are going unanswered. While we have 244 eligible students, only around 50% of them have responded and confirmed. How many turn up on the vaccination day remains to be seen," said MN Natesh Kumar, principal of Gurukul International School.

Summer vacation has already begun in many city schools. The hassle of conducting the drive twice is forcing many school administrations to push it all together.

"Summer holidays at our school started on March 28 and the BBMP officials contacted us only on March 29. By then, many students had left the city. We do not want to conduct the camp without full strength. We have intimated the students and if we get enough responses in favor of the drive, we will conduct it before May 5. Otherwise, it has to be pushed till May 12," said Rangalakshmi Srinivasa, principal, Basaveshwara Educational institute.

Some schools have declined BBMP's invitation to conduct the drive and have requested the officials to organise the camp only after students are back from summer vacation.

"Children of this age group went on summer vacation from March 16. While the BBMP officials got in touch with us regarding the drive, we could not say yes to it. We did not try to contact the parents or students as summer holiday plans are fixed for most of them well in advance. However, we have informed the parents that they can get the vaccination done at their nearest PHC centre," said Kiran Prasad, principal, Vidya Vaibhav Public School. Prasad added that some of the students in this age bracket will be on campus from April 18 onwards. "This is for the bridge program to cover the learning loss due to the pandemic. However, for the rest of the students, BBMP will have to pick a date after May 9," Prasad said.

Drive has picked up pace: BBMP

According to Dr AS Balasundar, chief health officer, Health Department, BBMP, the drive on school campuses is going well and the number of children getting the jab has improved drastically over the last couple of days.

"After we received permission to conduct the drive on school campuses, the number has improved drastically. We have a target of 2,81,542 children under the age group of 12 to 14 years and so far, we have covered 46,900. Out of this, almost 26,000 dosages were administered in the last two to three days. We have asked the zonal health officers to prepare an action plan for the upcoming drives on campuses," he said. He said that earlier, they were looking at 50-60 schools per day. They will increase the number of drives per day to around 80 now and are looking at reaching over 100 schools every day after two to three days, he said.

"A majority of the schools are breaking into summer holidays from April 10 and we would like to cover as many students as possible by then," said Dr Balasundar.

Activist Aakar Patel stopped at airport, 'barred' from US trip

Journalist and human rights activist Aakar Patel on Wednesday alleged that he was stopped at Bengaluru airport and prevented from boarding a flight to the United States.

Patel said that he was prevented from travelling to the US despite a Gujarat court order granting him permission "specifically" for the said trip.

The former chief of Amnesty International India took to his Twitter account, saying: "Stopped from leaving India at Bangalore airport. I'm on the exit control list. Got my passport back through a court order specifically for this trip to the US."

Patel also shared a copy of his application for the passport to the court and tagged the Prime Minister's Office.

The Gujarat court's ruling shared by Patel showed that the judge had ordered his passport to be returned and allowed him to travel to the US between March 1 and May 30. **ANI**

Police shoot at, arrest robbers who sexually assaulted man

The police shot at and injured two robbers who sexually assaulted a man after kidnapping and robbing him in Bengaluru. The accused have been identified as Mohammad Ashiq (22), a resident of Udupi and Issac (21) from Kundapur town. A manhunt has been launched for more persons.

Kothanur police, who carried out the shootout on Monday evening, said on Tuesday they recovered a car, dagger and ten mobile phones from the possession of the miscreants. On March 26, the accused, along with two others who came in a car, had waylaid the victim who was also travelling in a car. The accused entered the car, threatened the man at knife point and asked him to drive according to their instructions. They had snatched away his gold finger ring and the ATM card and withdrew money.

Later, they took him to Whitefield and Bellandur, abused him and released him after sexually assaulting him. **IANS**

4 years after Gauri murder, trial to begin on May 27

Four years after two bike-borne men shot dead writer, activist Gauri Lankesh, the Special court of Karnataka Control of Organised Crimes Act (KCOCA) will begin the trial on May 27.

Lankesh was shot at outside her home in the city in 2017. Her sister Kavita Lankesh, a noted filmmaker, who is also an informant in the case, has been issued summons in this regard by the Special Court Judge Anil Bheemana Katti. She has also been directed to depose before the court on May 27.

Late Gauri Lankesh was known for her poignant attacks on the Hindutva forces, especially RSS. She was also closely involved in bringing naxals to mainstream society.

She was shot at her residence on September 5, 2017, triggering outrage against the Hindutva forces all over the country.

The government had formed the Special Investigation Team (SIT) to investigate the killing. The SIT after the probe had submitted a charge sheet and named 18 accused persons in connection with the case. So far the police have arrested 17 persons.

The police are yet to nab Vikas Patel a.k.a Nihal, who is the 18th accused in the case. The probe found that accused Amol Kale was the prime conspirator and another accused Parushuram Waghmore shot Gauri Lankesh dead.

Amit Baddi, Ganesh Miskin, Amit Degwekar, Bharat Kurane, Rajesh D. Bangera, Mohan Nayak, Suresh H.L., Sudhanva Gondalekar, Sharad B. Kalaskar, Vasudev B. Suryavamshi, Sujit Kumar, Manohar Yedave, Srikanth J Pangarkar, KT Naveen Kumar and Rishikesh Devadekar are the other accused persons and they are currently in judicial custody. **IANS**

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Citizens' survey casts doubt on axeman's plan

Koramangala residents find there may be no need for 67 trees to be cut for Ejipura flyover

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Koramangala residents counted each tree and put down the details to find several discrepancies

Residents of Koramangala were unhappy when the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) proposed to cut 67 trees for the construction of the delayed 2.5-km-long Ejipura Kendriya Sadhana flyover last year. They diligently carried out a survey from March - April this year, and the survey suggests that most of the trees do not need to be chopped at all as they do not obstruct the upcoming flyover.

In September, 2021, a group of residents of Koramangala, had demonstrated against the proposed felling of trees. As the Ejipura flyover construction work kept getting delayed, they did not follow up. Now with the BBMP changing the contractor for the flyover after the High court order, the residents conducted the survey and came out with findings to be submitted to BBMP.

A team of four residents carried out the survey, starting from March and ending in the beginning of April. They found that the stretch had several big fully grown trees of various species and that the trees were not obstructing the carriage way. They found that just trimming the trees could serve the purpose for the construction of the flyover.

Avanthi Rao, who was part of the survey said, "This is the largest canopy in Koramangala. It is a beautiful stretch. The construction of the flyover is between the Canara Bank and Sony Signal and the carriageway is already done. To construct the carriageway, the trees did not have to be cut." She said from the survey, they realised that even for the remaining portion of the flyover, a larger number of trees would not need to be felled. "The BBMP has decided on the cutting of 67 trees, translocation of 17 trees and 12 to be retained. We don't see the need to cut down so many," she said.

The BBMP gave the number of trees to be cut after an assessment of the Tree Expert Committee (TEC). But, the residents stated that the rationale behind the decision of TEC has not been mentioned in the permission letter. "Some trees marked for felling have the same girth and width like the ones noted for transplantation. Some mentioned are not on the site. And some of the existing trees are not mentioned in the list. We found discrepancies during the physical inspection," added Rao.

For instance, there are no rain and feltofarm trees mentioned in BBMP list between pillars no 35 and no 42, she said. The residents said just trimming the branches as was done on the Nanda theatre road for the Jayanagar Metro would work.

The survey stated that as per the procedure laid down by the High Court, the TEC should provide proper explanation and analysis of each tree to justify its decision to retain or translocate or fell trees. However, the permission by TEC last year does not cite these. Now with the flyover getting retendered, the residents demand that another round of inspection from TEC be carried out and views of residents be taken into consideration too.

Vinod Jacob, General Manager, Namma Bengaluru Foundation, said, "We are not against the construction of the flyover but would like to see that the trees are not felled as they are not obstructing the work. We would like the officials to revisit and survey the site. We also request that the official memorandum issued is cancelled. As this is an elevated flyover project, trees can be pruned or trimmed. According to Section 8 (3) (vii) of the Karnataka Preservation of Trees Act, 1976, any project requiring felling of more than 50 trees needs to be carried out only after a set process of public consultation."

TRACKING IPL 2022

Dinesh Karthik taking 'one step at a time'

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Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) wicketkeeper-batter Dinesh Karthik is relishing his role as a finisher in the ongoing Indian Premier League (IPL).

On Tuesday, the stylish batter helped RCB beat Rajasthan Royals in a thrilling encounter.

The 37-year-old is looking to go "one step at a time" as he aspires to see RCB lift the IPL trophy.

"One step at a time," Karthik tweeted pictures on Wednesday from the win.

Meanwhile, former RCB skipper Virat Kohli also reserved special praise for Karthik soon after the team won its game.

Karthik and Shahbaz Ahmed stitched a gusty partnership to help RCB revive from 87 for 5 in a chase of 170.

"Back to back W. Top knock by DK & Shahbaz," Kohli wrote on the KOO app.

Coming to the match, after the revival the equation was down to 15 of the final two overs as Karthik wrapped the chase in style while remaining unbeaten on 44 off 23 balls. Harshal Patel hit the final six to take RCB home.

RCB will next meet Mumbai Indians on Saturday at the Maharashtra Cricket Association Stadium in Pune. **-IANS**

Dinesh Karthik of Royal Challengers Bangalore plays a shot during match 13 of the IPL

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Bengaluru's infra-eco dilemma

The orders were given by the Tree Expert Committee (TEC).

For instance, as per the OM dated March 10, 2022, BMRCL proposed the removal of 1,507 trees which were standing in the BMRCL Metro project area of Phase 2B, between the Kasturinagar and Kempapura of the ORR line. After carrying out a detailed enumeration of each of the trees in terms of location, physical parameter, health and defects, etc., the TEC ordered retention of just 25 trees. While 160 trees were ordered to be translocated, as many as 1,334 were recommended to be chopped off.

Experts said orders for the removal and translocation of so many trees expose the lack of a scientific approach and poor management of ecosystem services. "The idea behind having a tree committee is to minimise the number of trees that are being cut. But, if the committee recommends cutting or translocating the majority of the trees, it appears to be an unscientific approach. If they would have saved 95% of the trees and managed to get the infrastructure in place, I would have said the tree committee is doing a wonderful job. There are hardly any trees left. As per research, there should be at least seven to eight trees per person on the planet. Currently, we have less than one tree for every seven to eight persons," said TV Ramachandra at the Centre for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science.

City-based activists and environmentalists are of the view that the majority of the trees currently being translocated or cut could have been saved, given minor tweaks in the development projects.

"We could have saved up to 40% of trees through the process of canopy manipulation. However, these options are not being considered. I have insisted and requested many officials to visit the spot and consider the option of canopy manipulation before passing the order to cut trees, but it has fallen on deaf ears. The committee is forced to give an opinion in favour of the infrastructure facilities. There have been suggestions to deviate some of the BMRCL lines from current paths. This would have saved many trees from being cut or translocated. But unfortunately, committees keep being formed and they all yield to pressures. They end up cutting healthy trees too," said environmentalist Dr AN Yellappa Reddy. Notably, recommendations of TEC in the past have been questioned by the high court and some of the orders were revised.

Transplantation

According to the OMs, as many as 1,095 trees out of the total 4,423 trees were translocated for development projects. While these trees are being transplanted hoping that they will survive and will continue to provide ecosystem, experts said transplantation of a fully grown tree can be tricky in the absence of data on success rate.

"When I was a part of one such inspection committee a few years ago, I was taken to a plot and told that the trees on the plot were all transplanted. It was shocking as I have been seeing the plot and the trees since I was a child. Apart from such issues, while translocation of the trees provides a better chance of survival, there are not many monitoring and success rate reports. We have virtually no information on the fate of translocated trees. So we should not put so much faith in the process without concrete data to back it up," said Dr Ramachandra.

According to Harini Nagendra, head of the Centre for Climate Change and Sustainability at Azim Premji University, tree translocation should be the last option. While it is much better than destroying the tree, it is best to avoid removal in the first place.

"We should cut as few trees as possible. However, transplantation can be considered only where it is feasible and when it becomes necessary to cut trees. Not all species can be successfully transplanted. Moreover, compensatory planting should be done as the city is losing so many trees," said Nagendra. As per TCE orders, the trees face the axe only when they are considered not suitable for translocation; either they have defects or the extraction of root balls of adequate size is not practical.

"There is a certain part of the root mass that has to be preserved for the tree to survive. This depends on factors such as age, species and location. If there is a whole lot of construction hemming into the roots, you will not be able to extract the root balls of adequate size. So even if the tree is healthy, it will be cut," said MD Madhusudan of the National Centre for Biological Sciences. Experts also said the trees that are translocated are stripped off leaves, branches and even the roots are trimmed. It would take them years to grow their roots back and attain the shape and size as before.

15 smart bus stops in E-City

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stops and plans to have it constructed in the next six months. ELCITA has invited companies to sponsor construction of bus stops in the vicinity of their specific locations.

With over 15 locations envisaged for the bus stops, most of the identified spots are in areas where there is a large number of people commuting from one place to another, such as the Venkamani bus stop or HP entrance bus stop in E-City.

"We have identified locations where there is a high movement of people. Some of the locations that have bus stops already, would be converted into smart ones. The newly identified spots will get new smart bus stops," Brunda further noted.

The smart bus stops will also have sanitary pad vending machines. Solar panels will be installed atop the bus shelter for electricity.

Raids coming my way, says Bhaskar Rao

Days after joining the Aam Aadmi Party, former Bengaluru police commissioner Bhaskar Rao has expressed apprehension that cases may be registered against him or raids may be conducted.

"Tomorrow, some cases may be registered against me or raids against me conducted. I am ready to face them," Rao told reporters. He said AAP chief and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal too had to face many such hardships initially.

"Whoever treads on the path of reform in society faces many a challenge. I take a vow to eradicate corruption from Karnataka," Rao said. **PTI**

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By providing nourishment, necessary minerals, lustre, softness and strength, olive oil meets the requirements your hair demands

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Most of us played Holi after two years in so much excitement that we forgot what its side effects could be. The colour friends splash at parties contains the chemicals your hair doesn't prize, believe us. In fact, rough hair is a post-Holi thing for many, and if you're facing it currently, you probably know why. But thanks to our Indian roots and the power to create home remedies for all body problems, we don't need to book appointments with the dermat every time something seems unruly. Saving you some effort and pills, there's a beneficial and easy home remedy to solve your hair problem. Bottled in your kitchen as you continue to read, the magic ingredient we're talking about is olive oil - something you always vouched on for your health needs.

Little did you know, olive oil is healthy for your hair too. By providing nourishment, necessary minerals, lustre, softness and strength, olive oil meets the requirements your hair demands. Olive oil is also known for reducing dandruff and split ends.

How to use olive oil on hair?

You know it's time to try this natural hair remedy when your tresses look dreadful with frizz, dryness or split ends. Women, men and even children who want to incorporate olive oil into their hair care routine can try this easy method:

Take an appropriate amount of olive oil depending on the length and volume of your hair.

Apply the oil to your scalp first and then to the parts you feel are excessively dry. It's safe to apply for all hair types.

Cover your hair with a shower cap (optional) and leave the oil on for at least half an hour.

The water of regular temperature should be used to rinse the oil out of your strands.

Shampoo your hair and repeat if you feel the olive oil still remains. Don't shampoo more than two times.

Pro tip: Note that dry, coarse hair will probably benefit more than thinner hair. People with fine hair may feel their hair turn greasy.

This is a quick universal method for applying olive oil for solutions that are listed below:

Olive oil as a conditioner

While using shampoo and conditioner is necessary, olive oil, too, is grouped to be one of the conditioning agents that can benefit your hair. Scientists have previously stated that olive oil can penetrate the hair follicles and reduce the amount of water the hair absorbs. It thereby reduces the amount of swelling the hair shaft experiences. If the hair does not swell as much, it will not shrink as much, reducing the stress on the hair and damage in turn.

Pro tip: Add an olive oil massage to your hair care routine for healthier hair.

Olive oil for thick hair

Olive oil contains omega-3 fatty acids that aid the process of getting voluminous hair. It is also one of the best natural ingredients you can use to make your hair grow stronger as it is rich in multiple vitamins that help lock the keratin in your hair. Using olive oil for longer hair is a great idea too because it removes excess sebum buildup. Sebum inhibits the growth of new hair follicles and, in general, hair growth.

Pro tip: It's tried and tested! Olive oil aids hair growth by making your hair longer and thicker.

Olive oil for split ends

The primary chemical elements of olive oil are oleic acid, palmitic acid, and squalene. All of these are emollients, which means they have softening properties. Apply it to the bottom 3-4 inches of your hair to replenish split ends.

Pro tip: Even if you're only treating the ends, keep your hair pinned up to prevent the olive oil from getting on your clothes.

Olive oil for dandruff

The appearance of dandruff depends on many factors such as your diet and the weather. Though it might be hard to get rid of it completely, olive oil can help reduce it naturally.

Pro tip: It's always preferable to choose natural techniques instead of chemical-based shampoos or medicines and olive oil is one of the best conditioners or moisturizers that can help you.

DIY olive oil hair masks

Along with olive oil, you can add other ingredients to your hair mask for additional benefits.

Olive oil with egg and honey

Vitamins A and E, biotin, and folate found in eggs have been linked to healthy hair. If you have dry hair, honey can help your hair retain its moisture. Mix two spoons of olive oil, one spoon of honey and one egg and apply the mixture to your hair. Keep it on for 20 mins, and cover it with a shower cap as it will have a foul smell. Rinse and shampoo.

Olive oil with avocado

This might make you want to consume it, but today, apply it to your hair. Avocado's vitamins, minerals, and fatty acids may help moisturise your hair. Furthermore, the minerals found in avocado may help seal cuticles, preventing hair breakage. To make the quick mask, take a ripe avocado, peel and mash it. Add two spoons of olive oil and apply them to the hair. Shampoo after 15 minutes with water at a regular temperature.

Olive oil with yoghurt and tea tree oil

Tea tree oil may provide relief if you have dandruff or other scalp irritation. Yogurt also helps in treating dandruff and also moisturises the hair. Mix two spoons of olive oil, two spoons of fresh yoghurt and a few drops of tea tree oil. Apply on your scalp, leave it for half an hour, rinse and wash.

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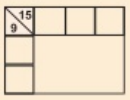
SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

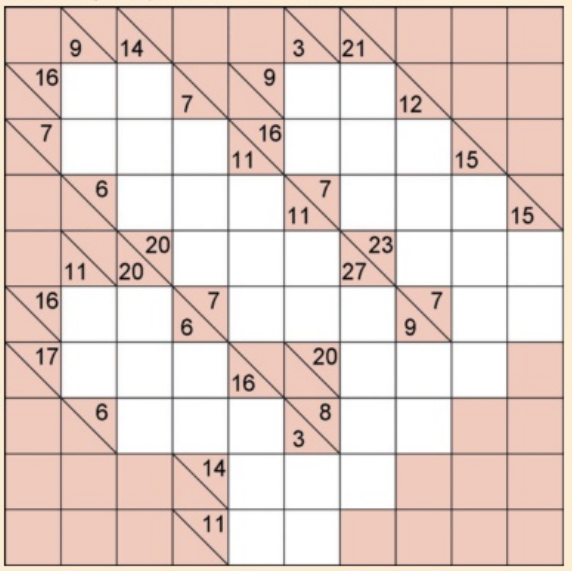
A bicycle wheel has 64 spokes. How many spaces are between the spokes?

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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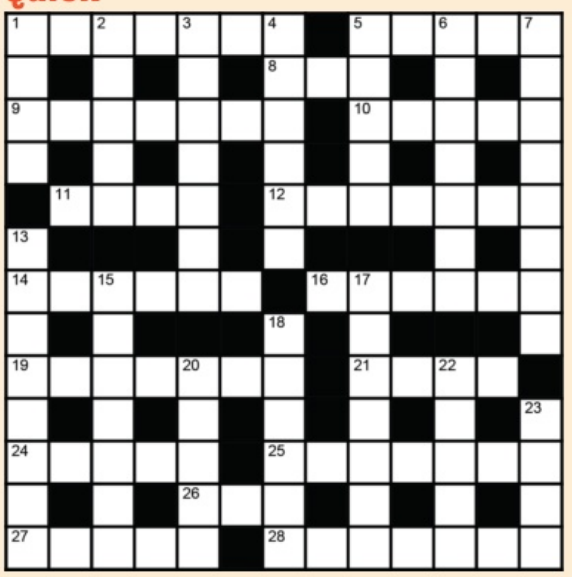


ACROSS

1 High hats (7)
5 Real Madrid's arch rivals in short (5)
8 Lever for rowing (3)
9 Largest ocean (7)
10 Not as young (5)
11 European border river (4)
12 Clumsy or bungling (7)
14 Feeling of seasickness or of extreme disgust (6)
16 Hamper (6)
19 This language – "Shingle" anagram? (7)
21 Wealthy (4)
24 Mushrooms, toadstools etc (5)
25 Become fully aware of; understand (7)
26 Curved line (3)
27 Wood nymph (5)
28 Tabla maestro Zakir ____ (7)

DOWN

1 You will find the remnants of his fort in the City Market area (4)
2 Strode to and fro (5)
3 Compel obedience to (7)
4 Informal gathering (6)
5 Small stream (5)
6 Emit rays or waves (7)
7 Shortened or curtailed (8)
13 Inadequately nourished (8)
15 Pressing need (7)
17 Human beings (7)
18 Place of worship (6)
20 Homer work (5)
22 Beijing is it's capital (5)
23 Adolescent (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: W EQUALS T

YXOBZASX YXH ZDWXH QRPX WQX YZTW RAMVBSXO JHZNUXOIX.

Linemaro

See this pin? I want to prick you with it to see if you truly do bleed sunshine

Mindchow

Don't just be good – be good for something

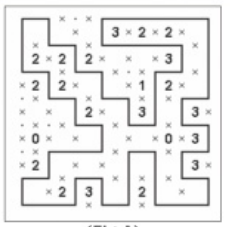
Joke of the day

For every action, there is an equal and opposite criticism

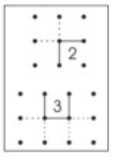
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

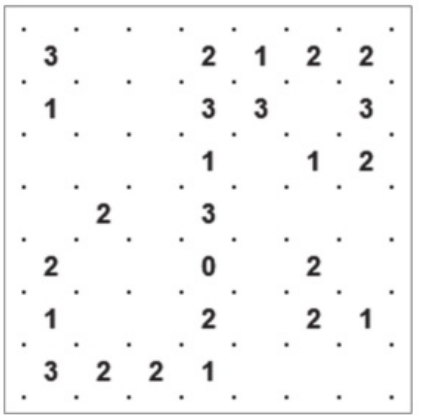


(Fig B) Not Allowed

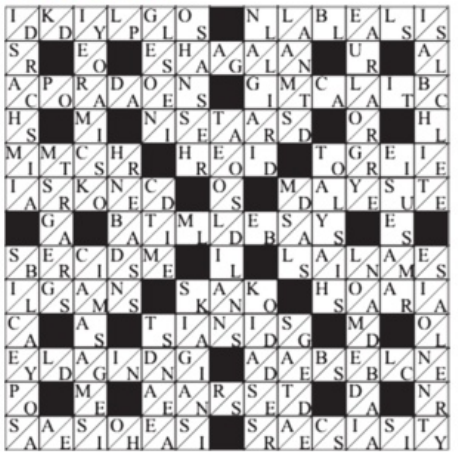
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



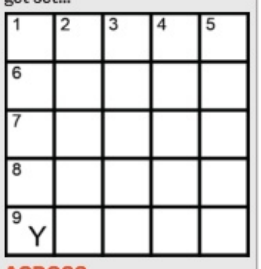
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

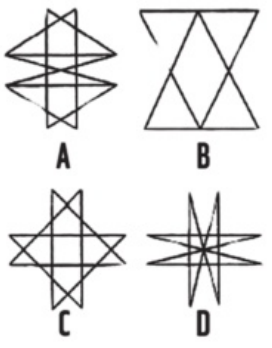
1 Hears; 6 Norse; 7 Snags; 8 To Oaf; 9 Try us

DOWN

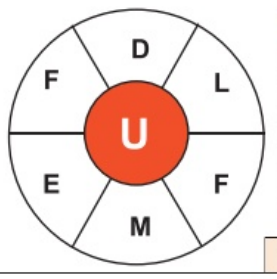
1 Says a; 2 Fauns; 3 Rho no; 4 Roget; 5 Tress

Mensapuzzle

Which of these outlines, if any, can be drawn without removing pen from paper, crossing a line, or retracing a line?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

10 Average; **11** Good; **13** Outstanding

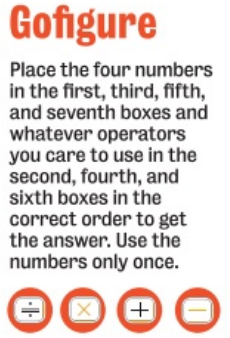
SudokuChallenge

	7			9			8	
9			8		7			4
	3						6	
6	2		4		5		1	7
		8				4		
4	1		6		9		2	8
	5						9	
2			7		1			3
	4			3			7	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Lapel is missing. **2.** Arm is not showing. **3.** Headlight is different. **4.** Bumper is different. **5.** Stripe on shirt is missing. **6.** Arm is longer.

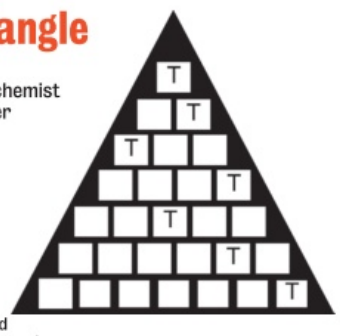
Riddler

Help Beethoven use these clues below to decipher these popular Christmas/Holiday tunes. Example: A Triad of Monarchs, We Three Kings

1. Sir Lancelot with laryngitis.
2. Frozen precipitation commences.
3. Oh, member of the round table with missing areas.

Alpha triangle

1 Tonne, abbr.
2 Astatine for the chemist
3 Convert to leather
4 Clean and tidy
5 Polished off
6 US Upper House
7 Closest at hand



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

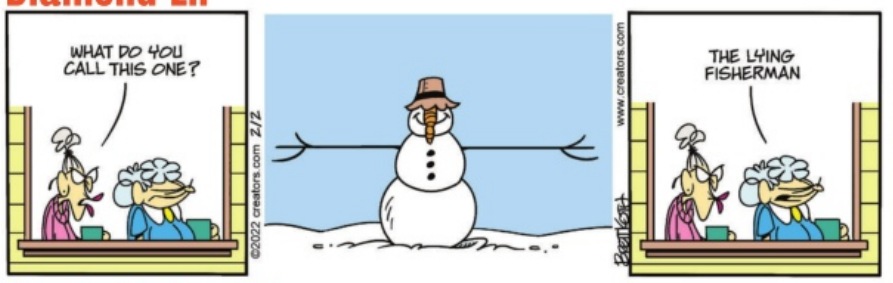
COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

LOOK AT THAT!
DANG PACK RAT RUN OFF WITH MUH WIFE'S PHOTYGRAF
NOW HE'S STOPPED TO LOOK AT IT
PACK RATS SHORE HAVE A PIERCING SCREAM, DON'T THEY?
1-22

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil



Hart of the city

HEY, HEART. LOOKS LIKE YOUR FACE IS ALL BACK TO NORMAL.
YEAH...
...IT WAS A PRETTY WEIRD EXPERIENCE GETTING THOSE TEETH PULLED AND HAVING MY HEAD BLOW UP LIKE A BALLOON.
AND I THOUGHT YOUR HEAD WAS GIANT TO BEGIN WITH!
YOU'RE LUCKY MY FIST REFLEXES STILL AREN'T 100%.
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Crankshaft

ARE THOSE BROWNIES IN THE TRASH?
THAT MAKES ME SO SAD... TO THINK THAT SOMEONE ELSE BROUGHT BROWNIES IN....
AND THEN DECIDED TO THROW THEM AWAY WHEN THEY REALIZED THAT THEY COULDN'T COMPETE WITH MINE.
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts

WHAT AN ENIGMATIC EXPRESSION! YOU ARE THE MONA LISA OF PUSSYCATS!
ARE YOU HAPPY
OR SAD !?!
WELL... THAT DEPENDS. ARE THERE ANY TREATS IN YOUR SHMOCK POCKETS???
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WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may be busy with family and may be polite to those around you. This may improve your image among relatives and friends. You will spend money on artefacts and stuff which will elevate your social status. You may hear some good news from one of your close relatives.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Disputes with siblings may settle down and your relationship with them may improve. Your vital force seems to be good, it may help you to complete a difficult project easily. You may expand your network after a short work-related trip. You may also help a needy person.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
You may feel dull and have health issues. Old disease may resurface. Avoid adventurous tours or rash driving. You may have some conflicts with your partner; avoid making important decisions in terms of business. Investments in business or work must be postponed. By late evening, things may be under control.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Your internal power may make you happy and you may receive gains from investments. You may enjoy a good relationship with your boss. You may get promoted. Your prestige in the society may improve. You may expect work-related travelling.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, is a favourable day. You are enthusiastic. Your focus is good in terms of business and work. You are dedicated in performing tasks and can expect a promotion in your job. Your boss may favour you while you make work-related decisions. You may visit a religious place. Avoid arrogance in your love life.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may feel dull because of the lack of proper rest. Your arrogance may give rise to disputes with your spouse and may affect domestic harmony. Investors are advised to avoid investments in risky assets. Students are advised to focus on their studies. Love birds must maintain distance in relationships.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Be patient. If you are planning an adventurous tour, postpone it for a while. Past investments may convert to non-performing assets. You may get tired due to overworking. Students must work hard. You may have back ache and nervous system, skin or lever-related issues.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today is a good day for you. Investors may make significant gains. It may boost financial health. Money which was stuck may get recovered and boost liquidity in business. You may become confident and control hidden enemies and opponents. Singles will find good matches in the same field or office.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may perform your best at work. You enjoy a good bond with seniors and receive new responsibilities in terms of promotions. Chronic health issues may be cured. You may receive good reciprocation for your work. Disputes with siblings may get resolved now. Job seekers may find new jobs.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may be busy with kids' academics and may plan for their higher studies. Couples may hear good news in terms of conceiving children. You may want to upgrade your skills and may plan for higher studies. Singles may find their soulmates.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may escape from reality and ignore your responsibilities. Your investments may incur losses. Read documents carefully before signing them. Elders may upset you. You may plan to reconstruct your house. Postpone renovation for a while.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may help the needy. You may put in a hundred percent of your efforts at work, resulting in completing work before time. You may receive some good news from siblings. Too much work may tire you; avoid stress, or it may affect your professional and personal life. Meditate and fast.

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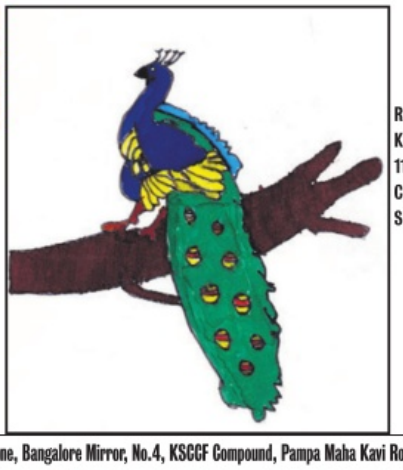

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
64 in 2 dimensions

RIDDLER
1. Silent Night,
2. Let it Snow,
3. O Holy Nigh

QUOTE UNCODE
Mediocre men often have the most acquired knowledge.

BULL'S EYE
duel, duff, duffel, feud, flue, flume, fuel, fume, fumed, muff, muffle, MUFFLED, mule

FAST FIVE

A	S	H	E	R
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Y	U	R	T	S

STRIKE OUT

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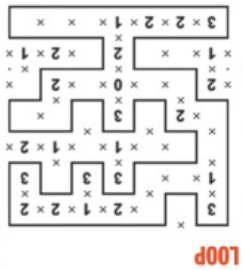

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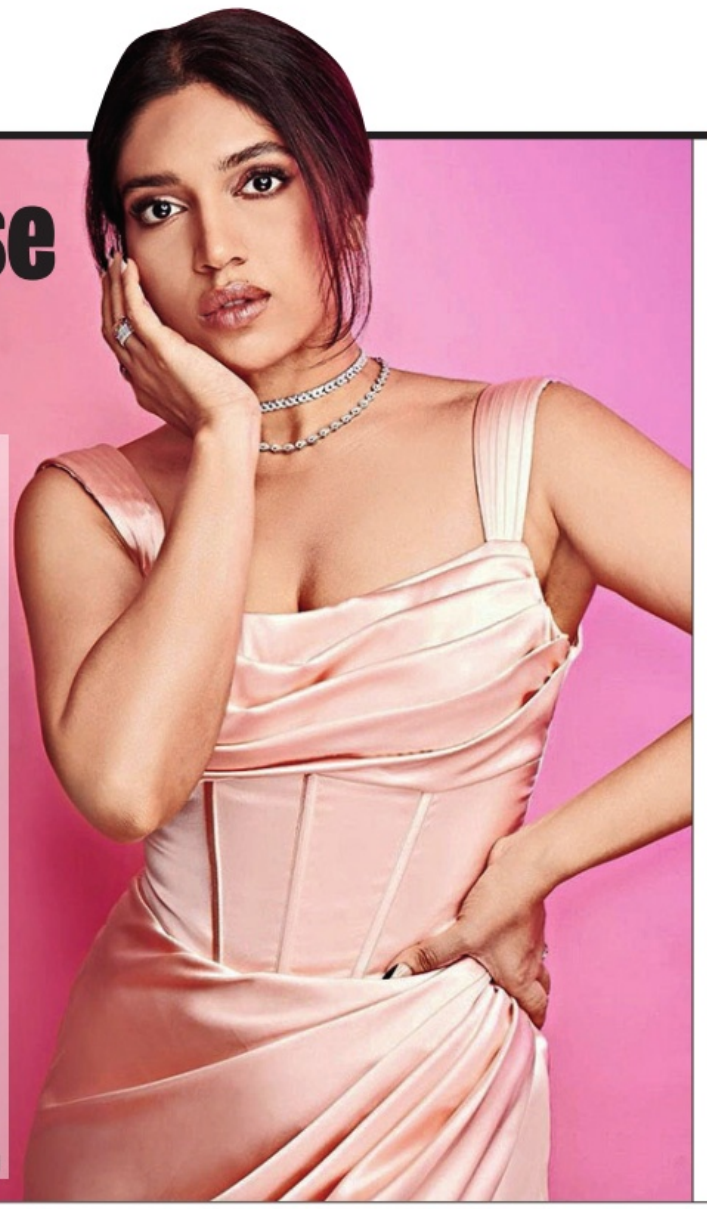
Some action please

Bhumi Pednekar reveals she wants to try her hand at a full power action film now



Bollywood actor Bhumi Pednekar, who has solidified her place in the Indian film industry by delivering some remarkable performances, now wants to explore the action genre.

Bhumi, who seems super keen to add an action film to her lineup of projects, said, "I definitely want to do a full power action film. I have never done that. I want to see myself do that like some Matrix, some Lara Croft happening with Bhumi. It's exciting for me and I definitely want to explore this in the near future. I feel I will have a lot of fun while doing this. So, I am actually searching for it and hopefully, I will find something."She added, "The film world is my oyster and I feel there is so much more to explore. I feel so fortunate that I get such varied parts. 2022 is going to be a year full of characters which are on the opposite ends of the spectrum."Bhumi has established herself as an actor par excellence, having pulled off incredible roles in projects like 'Dum Laga Ke Haisha', 'Toilet: Ek Prem Katha', 'Shubh Mangal Savdhaan', 'Bala', 'Lust Stories', 'Badhaai Do', among many others.

On being asked where she sees herself in 20 years, Bhumi said, "I honestly don't have an answer to it. I mean I definitely would be a climate activist. I definitely see myself acting. But is this the only thing I would be doing? Definitely not!"She added, "There are a lot of things I am passionate about. Running my own business is one of them. I don't know how am I going to diversify. I don't know if I am going to be producing. I don't know if I would be an entrepreneur. But acting and being a climate activist is definitely going to be a part of it."

Bhumi has a mighty slate of films that includes Anubhav Sinha's 'Bheed', Ajay Bahl's 'The Ladykiller', Shashank Khaitan's 'Govinda Aala Re', Akshay Kumar-starrer 'Raksha Bandhan', Sudhir Mishra's 'Afwaa' and Gauri Khan produced 'Bhakshak'. **ANI**

Daniel Radcliffe's crushes

Daniel Radcliffe has admitted having a huge crush on actors Cameron Diaz and Drew Barrymore.

While promoting his new film 'The Lost City' on British radio show Capital Breakfast on Monday, the 'Harry Potter' star was posed with a few questions by hosts. When asked what three celebrities Radcliffe has a "massive, massive crush on", he quickly mentioned the names of Cameron and Drew, People reported.

"Cameron Diaz is still very high on the list. Drew Barrymore is there," he responded.

As for his third celebrity crush, Radcliffe said, "Juno Temple! I've worked with her, she's gorgeous, and I wouldn't mind saying her name."

Meanwhile, Radcliffe is currently dating actor Erin Darke. The two met on the sets of the 2013 drama 'Kill Your Darlings'. **ANI**

What's Dulquer freaked about?

Actor Dulquer Salmaan says his upcoming Hindi feature "Chup-Revenge of the Artist" is not a "typical" film and recalls being stumped when filmmaker R Balki approached him for the project.

"Chup" is billed as a psychological thriller and features Salmaan along with Sunny Deol, Pooja Bhatt and Shreya Dhanwanthary.

In an interview with PTI, the 35-year-old actor said he is eagerly awaiting to see how the film is received as it is an "experimental" project.

"When Balki sir offered me 'Chup', I was shocked and said, 'Are you really thinking about me for this role?' Because it's something I haven't done before. It's not typical in any form. I think for him also, it's an experimental film but it's something I am very curious about. All of you will also be curious about it when it comes out," he added.

The makers had revealed its title last October, on the death anniversary of the legendary filmmaker Guru Dutt, with Balki saying that "Chup" is an "ode to the sensitive artist."

Further details about the film are under wraps but Salmaan said the movie "should be out this summer", either in April or May.

"We completed it last year around November. I haven't done something like this before, so I am freaked out also," he added. **PTI**

Heat's on, but will practice

Anushka Sharma, having been away from the silver screen for more than three years, is now gearing up for her much-anticipated movie 'Chakda Xpress'. The movie is based on the life of cricketer Jhulan Goswami.

On Wednesday, she took to her Instagram handle to share a selfie on her Story, right after a tough practice session for her upcoming film. In the picture, Anushka is seen sporting a black t-shirt with a pair of vibrant sunglasses. She uploaded the image on her IG Story with the caption 'Post practice in this heat wave'.

The movie, a biopic on Women's Cricket legend Jhulan Goswami, is a story depicting her tremendous struggle and unshakeable attitude.

Hailing from a small town in West Bengal named Chakda, Jhulan developed an affinity for cricket despite various obstacles on her way. The movie revolves around the highlights of Goswami's career, from convincing her parents, breaking the stereotypes to her rise as one of the greatest Women's cricketers India has ever produced. The film is slated to release in the second quarter of 2022 on Netflix. **ANI**

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Party time

Outfits inspired by Janhvi Kapoor that will put you in a party mood instantaneously